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THE ACE OF SPADES ✓

Photoplay in two reels ✓

#8 The Lariat of Death ✓

Story by Isadore Ber/nstein and

William Lord Wright ✓✓

Directed by Henry McRae ✓

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A 10 Episode Adventure PictureStarring William Desmond

Episode 8...."Lariat of Death"

Olive and Harvey are rescued from the pool of quicksand by the timely arrival of Francois. One of the Black Spot ruffians whom Harvey once beat in a saloon fight, meets him on the desert, and taking advantage of his weakened condition, fights him for revenge. Francois and Harvey are both knocked out in the ensuing battle; ~~and~~ the bully then shatters their water can with bullets and goes back to tell Trask that he has left them to die in the desert.

The two men and the girl wander over the hot sands with parched throats. Their courage is bouyed up for a moment by a mirage, and finally they find a real water hole, but it is poisoned. Gideon Trask then drives up and offers them a drink from his pouch in exchange for the gold claim. They give him the papers and he drives off triumphantly without giving them the water.

A band of friendly Indians with fresh mounts and drinking water come to their aid and go with Harvey in pursuit of Trask whom they overtake, but Harvey ~~bl~~emounts and is caught in the lariat which is fastened to his horse's saddle. The horse runs away and he is dragged far into the desert.

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